



ALL DANNO McDONALD (left) got for his righteous indignation here was a trip to dreamland. This bit of drama was snapped in McDonald's match last week with Toy Yamato (right). The Japanese wrestler keeps winning in tune with the customer's hoots. Yamato draws good-looking Bill Melby as a foe tomorrow night at the Armory. The wily Nip has used the sleeper hold twice here and is still unbeaten in the Armory ring.

# SPORTS

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## Matthews Ices Eagle; Wolfe Wallops Kahut



KID MATTHEWS ... stops Eagle

PORTLAND, Ore. — Harry (Kid) Matthews returned to the ring after a four-month layoff Monday night and added Charley Eagle to his string of knockout victims.

The Seattle lightweight contender, idle since December while Manager Jack Hurley sought a match with Heavyweight Champion Joe Walcott, stopped the Waterbury, Conn., fighter at 1:35 in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Matthews appeared overweight at 181 1/2. Eagle weighed 204. Matthews, somewhat off in his timing, started slowly and was nearly floored in the first round. He missed a punch and Eagle's right to the head sent him against the ropes. He stayed off the canvas by catching the lower rope.

Matthews found his opening early in the fifth. A right chop to the head dropped Eagle for a nine-count. The 36-year-old Connecticut veteran got to his feet but went down for keeps seconds later before a barrage of Matthews' blows.

Results of preliminaries included: Dick Wolfe, 155, Portland, defeated Eddie Kahut, 162 1/2, Woodburn, Ore.; Harold Kotiri, 165, Silverton, Ore., defeated Bill Halsey, 172, Portland, in six rounds; Jimmy Murphy, 150, Portland, knocked out Billy Sunday, 146, Klamath Falls, Ore., in the second round.

## Turner May Meet Gavilan

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Gil Turner and Kid Gavilan are all but signed for a welterweight championship bout in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium this summer—unless the Philadelphia fiasco with Chico Varona Monday night upsets the apple cart.

Turner, unbeaten 21-year-old Negro belter at 145 1/2, won his 31st straight victory and 25th by kayo when Varona from Havana, Cuba, weighing 143 1/2 refused to answer the bell for the seventh of a scheduled 10 rounds. The Cuban and his manager, Alie Zack, bitterly protested that Turner threw "17 low blows."

After being informed by two commission physicians that there was no physical evidence on Varona's body of low punching, John (Ox) Dagrass, Pennsylvania state athletic commissioner, held up the Cuban's purse and set a hearing.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press  
New York — Jimmy Slade, 180, knocked out Charley Lester, 214 1/2, Detroit (6).  
Philadelphia — Gil Turner, 145 1/2, Philadelphia, stopped Chico Varona 143 1/2, Havana (7).  
New Orleans — Gianni Ubaldi, 137 1/2, Milan, Italy, defeated Kid Centella, 135 1/2, Managua, Nicaragua (10); Alfredo Lagrutta, 142 1/2, Milan, and Joey Hartgen, 142, New Orleans, drew (10).  
Holyoke, Mass. — Holly Mims, 159, Washington, defeated Sammy Walker, 159, Springfield, Mass. (10).  
Portland, Ore. — Harry (Kid) Matthews, 181 1/2, Seattle, stopped Charley Eagle, 204, Waterbury, Conn. (8).

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# Cleveland, Brooklyn Favored

## 250,000 Ball Fans Expected

NEW YORK, N. Y. — A quarter of a million fans in eight cities were expected to jam ball parks Tuesday and listen to the cry of "Play Ball" as the 1952 Major League baseball season got underway.

Despite the loss and impending loss of such topnotch performers as Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Gerry Coleman, Monte Irvin, Willie Mays and others, the new season evokes promise, new thrills and excitement to match those of previous campaigns.

All clubs will present new faces. Such new names as Billy Reed, Ed Matthews, Tom Atwell, Dave Williams, Bob Del Greco, Dick Hall, Scooter Koshorek, Jim Fridley, Hector Rodriguez, Jim Rivera, George Schmeck, Leo Thomas, Clint Courtney and Ben Taylor were expected to appear in opening day lineups.

The managers were optimistic, with Al Lopez of the Cleveland Indians, the bravely predicting an American League flag. Manager Charlie Dressen of Brooklyn said

## ... Soars Close to Heaven

By LU GANDOLFO  
NEA Special Correspondent

MODESTO, Calif. — (NEA) — At 11:00, Robert E. Richards was told that 14 feet was his ceiling in the pole vault.

Scientists figured Bob Richards was too slow and short to do better. Reverend Richards disproved the laws of centrifugal force reaching 14-3, 14-6, finally 15.

Each time, the man who is trying to get to heaven on his own power was told he would go no higher.

Reverend Richards, now 26, has done 13-4 1/2, with no idea of stopping.

Rev. Bob Richards, an ordained

minister in the Church of the Brethren, is out to make the Olympic team in the pole vault and decathlon.

"There are no natural-born athletes," says Richards, who teaches at LaVerne College in Southern California. "It takes great courage and hard work to become a champion."

Herb McKenley worked 10 years before setting a world mark.

"The first time I ran," the Jamaica Ginger Snao told Richards, "my coordination was so bad that I fell on my face."

Glenn Cunningham overcame the handicap of badly-burned legs. Ben Hogan came back from the near-dead after his frightful automobile accident to regain

and hold golfing supremacy. Harrison Dillard was undefeated in more than 80 hurdle races only to lose in the Olympic Games Trials. He made it as a sprinter, beat Mel Patton and Berny Ewell in record time.

Dillard and Gil Dods, the latter also a preacher, believe spiritual aid helped them. Richards believes faith in God can establish great strength, but that this should not be a substitute for individual effort.

"Gunder Haeger prayed and got divine help when he set his distance records," says Rev. Bob "Jesus Owens told me God was with him the day he set three world records and tied another."

Many champions ask for spiritual guidance. One of these was Cornelius Warnerham, whose records of 15 feet 7 1/2, made in Modesto and 15-0 1/2, hung up in doors, Richards is attempting to top. Richards is praying for four more inches in the vault, believes God helped him achieve 15-4 1/2, and that anything can be accomplished if the heart is set upon it.

Holding evangelistic services here, Richards worked daily on the Modesto Junior College track. He left by plane on a Saturday morning, vaulted in the Chicago Relays on Saturday night, landed a plane shortly after midnight and spoke at 11 a.m. Sunday services here.

Athletics is preparation for life, in the eyes of Rev. Bob Richards.

## Jap Eyes Third Mat Win Here

Georges Dusette and Kurt Von Poppenheim unreeled the third chapter of their mat rivalry tomorrow night at the Armory in the feature bout on the program—although it shares the spotlight with another one-hour match.

The other 60-minute hassle puts Frenchy Roy against Buck Weaver, the Pacific Coast light-heavyweight champion.

Toi Yamato, slippery Nip from Singapore who rates high in box-office appeal, makes his third local appearance in the opener, still still boasting an unbeaten slate here.

## MELBY NEXT

Yamato, who has sidelined Cowboy Carlson and Danmo McDonald with his sleeper hold, gets Bill Melby in tonight's match.

Wrestling fans, anxious to see the nefarious Japanese wrestler get his lumps, hope the speedy Salt Lake City boy can turn the trick.

Yamato is gradually working toward main event status here. Melby hopes to derail him.

THIRD TIME  
This will mark Dusette's third time out against Von Poppenheim. The popular French-Canadian has finished on the short end of the decision both times in bouts that ended on rather strange notes.

Dusette will go all-out in this one.

Roy is the boy from whom Weaver won his title. The ex-Indiana football star won't put his crown on the block, and judging by Roy's attitude for this meeting, it may be well he doesn't.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs.

## Softball Session Tonight

The 1952 Men's City Softball League gets its first push in a meeting called tonight, 7:30, in the City Hall.

All interested persons—whether in a playing, managing or sponsoring capacity—are urged to attend the meeting, called by City Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

## College Golf

By The Associated Press  
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## Last Pitch?

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The 1952 Major League baseball season officially opens at exactly 2:37 p.m. (EST) Tuesday.

That's the scheduled time for President Truman to throw out the first ball in an American League game between the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators.

Everyone is pretty certain how Mel Parnell and Bob Porterfield will pitch. Parnell is a lefthander; Porterfield is right-handed.

Truman, though, presents more of a puzzle. He says he will pitch with his left hand, but with his right hand, or vice versa.

Since Truman has said he won't try for re-election, this probably will be his last appearance as a presidential pitcher.

## His Dodgers Ought to Win in the National League

The odds-makers agree with Dressen and Lopez and have installed the Indians and Dodgers as the favorites. Brooklyn is a 8-5 favorite to win one pennant, while Cleveland is quoted at 9-5 in the junior circuit.

The Giants and Yankees are second choices, the former at 5-2 and the latter 2-1. Philadelphia and St. Louis are given an outside chance in the National, as are Chicago and Boston in the American League.

## SWITCHER

President Truman, the Nation's No. 1 fan, and only switch hurler since William Howard Taft started the presidential pitching custom in 1910, tossed out the first ball in Washington where the Senators engaged the Red Sox. A crowd of 32,000 expected to see a pitching duel between Mel Parnell (18-11), Boston's premier southpaw, and Right-hander Bob Porterfield (9-8) of the Nats.

The day's largest crowd of some 52,000, including Queen Juliana of The Netherlands, was expected to attend the Tigers-Browns opener in Detroit. The veteran Dizzy Trout was Detroit's pitching nomination. He was opposed by Ned Garver.

## Kodros Joins Evashevski

IOWA City, Ia. — Archie Kodros, former head coach at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., has been named to the football coaching staff of the University of Iowa.

Kodros is now head football coach and athletic director at the University of Hawaii.

Kodros' appointment gives Iowa four former Michigan stars. The others are Head Coach Forest Evashevski and assistants Bob Flynn and "Bump" Elliott.

Despite their name, snow fleas are very black.—Sports Afield  
Guppies are being raised for fish bait.—Sports Afield

## TIME OUT!



"Gosh! I guess those stories about the NEW Durocher are true!"

## Golf Meet 1st Round Winds Up

First rounds of the Reames Country Club spring best-ball golf tournament will be completed Wednesday. Pro Earl Schmeiter announced late yesterday.

## Schmeiter released the following results in matches played to date in the single elimination meet:

Buzz Larkin and Ray Beeber defeated Howard Scroggin and Clarence Humble, 4 and 3; Dr. Ray Oldenburg and Lyle Rothenberger defeated Tom Perkins and Bert Johnson, 7 up; Frank Hall and Fred Scott defeated E. H. Thompson and Norm Moty, 2 up; Robert Sproat Sr. and George Brostherous defeated Stan Miller and O. H. Buffington, 4 up; John Houston and Ed Brostherous won by default over Lloyd Drew and George Davis; Andy Toily and Frank Tucker defeated Bill Bratton and Paul Angstead, 2 up.

Johnny West and Harold Eitram, Ted Bingham and Bill Hagelstein, Moon Mullis and Bill Grove, and Don Bigger and Paul Landry drew byes.

## Bevos at Home Tonight

By The Associated Press  
Pacific Coast League baseball makes its 1952 debut in Seattle and Portland Tuesday.

Bill Sweeney, former Portland pilot new Seattle's headman, brings the Rainiers back to Seattle after a run of tough luck in California. The 1951 Coast champions return home as the league's tallest club, but with a chance to gain on the

circle—leading Los Angeles Angels, their guests for the third week of the new season.

Clay Hopper, who replaced Sweeney at Portland, pays his first visit to the Rose City after an equally disastrous season, slapping the south. His team is in seventh place, one game ahead of Seattle. Portland faces third-place Oakland in a day-night doubleheader

## Fletcher, Moisan Tied

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Grumpy Guy Fletcher of San Diego and Bill Moisan of the long leading Los Angeles Angels were tied for top honors among Pacific Coast League pitchers with three wins and no defeats through games of last week.

Charley Schanz of Seattle was the circuit's knockout slug with 18, followed by San Diego's Fletcher with 17.

Win-loss records for other Seattle and Portland pitchers were: Nags, Seattle, 1-1; Sanford, Portland, 1-0; Lindsey, Portland, 1-0; Lynn, Portland 1-1; Kindstainer, Seattle, 2-1; Pieretti, Portland 1-2; DiBlasi, Portland, 0-3; DeLuca, Seattle, 0-2; J. Davis, Seattle, 0-2; Kerzaskos, Seattle, 0-1, and Calvert, Seattle, 0-1.

## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
One Year Ago Today— Babe Dirtrickson Zaharias, defending champion, took the first-round lead in the Weather-vane cross-country golf tournament with 36-hole total of 149.

Five Years Ago — The Toronto Maple Leafs edged the Montreal Canadiens, 2-1, in the fourth game of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Ten Years Ago — Warren Wright's Sun Again, Derby candidate, beat his stable mate, Whirlaway, in the six furlong Sequenecentennial Handicap.

Twenty Years Ago — Lefty Grove made his first attempt as a relief pitcher against the New York Yankees, and was belted for Seattle, 0-1, and Calvert, Seattle, 0-1.

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